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Detectives seek public's assistance in Aggravated Robberies

Dates: Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Narrative:

Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in locating suspects responsible for three robberies on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, and Wednesday, September 17, 2008. The victims were approached by the suspects asking for help in giving money to someone or an organization. They showed the victims cash and tried to talk the victims into depositing the money into their bank accounts. The scam would usually call for the victim having to withdraw money to show the suspect that they have an account. The victims in two cases became aware of the scam and tried to back out at which time a weapon was displayed turning the situation into an Aggravated Robbery.

The suspects have African accents, and are working in two's or three's. One of the suspects is an unidentified woman. A male suspect is described as:

Black male

50's years of age

Bald

Grey stubble for a beard

He sometimes wears a black felt hat with a short brim. The suspect has a tattoo on his left arm with the letter E or H.

Austin Police Department Robbery Unit Detectives are asking anyone who may have information about the suspects to call 512-974-5270.

Media advisory: Photos of the male suspect and a suspect vehicle are attached. A Robbery Unit detective will be available for interviews at today 1:30 p.m. at APD Headquarters.

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